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SUBJECT: ON EVE OF DEPARTURE: CEAUSESCU SPEAKS HIS MIND
FOR JERUSALEM POST; RECEIVES PLO EMISSARY; SEES EGYPTIAN
DEPUTY P.M.

1. RUMOR THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WOULD SANDWICH A MEETING
WITH YASSER ARAFAT IN BETWEEN HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND HIS DEPARTURE EARLY THIS AFTER-
NOON (APRIL 11) FOR WASHINGTON PROVED SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE:
IN THE EVENT, VISITOR WAS ARAFAT'S "PERSONAL POLITICAL
ADVISER", HANI EL HASSAN. MEETING WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVE
YESTERDAY AND WITH EGYPTIAN DEPUTY P.M. AHMED SULTAN (HEADING
VISITING ECONOMIC DELEGATION) MEANS THAT ROMANIANS HAVE
TOUCHED BASE WITH ALL LEADING ACTORS (SYRIA, ISREAL, PLO
AND EGYPT) IN M.E. DRAMA IN BRIEF PERIOD SINCE ISRAELI
INVASION OF LEBANON. CAREFULLY EVEN-HEADED, DISPASSIONATE
AND CONSISTENT ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE SEEMS TO HAVE MAINTAINED
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CREDIBILITY WITH ALL PARTIES AS CONSTANT FRIEND AND RESPON-
SIBLE AMICUS CURIAE.

2. MODEST FRONT-PAGE ITEM ON CEAUSESCU-HASSAN DISCUSSIONS
AND LENGTHY TEXT OF CEAUSESCU INTERVIEW (ASSUME ADDRESSEES
HAVE FULL TEXT) WITH DAVID LANDAU OF JERUSALEM POST
APPEARING INSIDE SAME EDITIONS, ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF CONSIS-

TENCY OF CAREFULLY NUANCED ROMANIAN POSITION.

-- REPETITION OF IDENTICAL FORMULA ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS:

"RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION--INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CREATE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT STATE";

-- CAREFUL AVOIDANCE OF REFERENCE TO PLO AS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE: IN ARTICLE TERM USED IS "LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE"; IN INTERVIEW, "MOST QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE";

-- STRESS, IN LANDAU INTERVIEW, OR INDISPENSIBILITY OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT CITATION OF RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ONLY AS "ONE SUCH" FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS:

-- ALSO IN INTERVIEW, INTERESTING REMARK "EXPEDITIOUS POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 WAR;

-- AND, IN ARTICLE ON TALKS WITH HASSAN, STRESS ON THE APPLICATION BY ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT OF THE RECENT UN RESOLUTION ON LEBANON.

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